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2 Daniel Jeff Peters, Chairman

3 Douglas Foltz, Member

4 Stephanie Werren, Member

5 Daryl Revolt, Member

6 Mark Cerreta, Member

7 Dominic Fonte, Member

8 Matthew Stroia, Member

9 Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor

10 Patrick DeOrio, Director of Administration

11 Catherine Farina, Deputy Director of  
12 Administration & Development

13 Jina Alaback, Director of Finance

14 Robert Graham, PE

15 Martin Van Gundy, Chief Building Officer

16 Terry A. Moore, Esq.

17 Benjamin Young, Council Clerk

18 Margaret Straub, Intern

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1 MR. YOUNG: We are live.

2 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Ben.  
3 All right. At this time, I'd like to call to  
4 order the North Canton City Council meeting,  
5 August 24th, 2020, via teleconference.  
6 Opening prayer. Mark? Dominic?

7 MR. CERRETA: I'll take it. I  
8 actually --

9 MR. PETERS: Anyone else?

10 MR. CERRETA: I'll take it. I actually  
11 prepared something for tonight.

12 MR. PETERS: All right. Mark.

13 MR. CERRETA: Yeah.

14 MR. FONTE: Thanks, Mark.

15 MR. CERRETA: You bet.

16 (Whereupon, Mr. Cerreta leads us in  
17 prayer.)

18 MR. FONTE: Amen. Very good. Thanks,  
19 Mark.

20 MR. WILDER: Thank you.

21 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Mark.

22 Okay. At this time, if you'd join me in  
23 the Pledge of Allegiance.

24 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was  
25 recited.)

1                   MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you,  
2                   folks. At this time, Ben, would you please  
3                   call the roll?  
4                   MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.  
5                   MR. REVOLDT: Here.  
6                   MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.  
7                   MS. WERREN: Here.  
8                   MR. YOUNG: Member Peters.  
9                   MR. PETERS: Here.  
10                  MR. YOUNG: Member Foltz.  
11                  MR. FOLTZ: Here.  
12                  MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.  
13                  MR. STROIA: Here.  
14                  MR. YOUNG: Member Cerreta.  
15                  MR. CERRETA: Here.  
16                  MR. YOUNG: Member Fonte.  
17                  MR. FONTE: Here.  
18                  MR. YOUNG: Seven present.  
19                  MR. PETERS: Okay. Thank you very much.  
20                  And -- well, first of all, may I have a  
21                  motion and a second to add one item to  
22                  consideration; that is, the resignation  
23                  letter of Timothy L. Fox, Director of Law?  
24                  MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.  
25                  MR. FOLTZ: Foltz seconds.

1 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

2 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

3 MR. PETERS: Aye.

4 MS. WERREN: Aye.

5 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

6 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

7 MR. FONTE: Aye.

8 MR. STROIA: Aye.

9 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

12 All right. At this time, for your  
13 consideration, I need a motion and a second  
14 to approve as presented minutes from July  
15 6th, 2020, Committee of the Whole; July 8th,  
16 2020, Special Council meeting; July 13th,  
17 2020, Council meeting; July 17th, 2020,  
18 Council meeting, and, finally, the  
19 resignation letter from Tim Fox, Director of  
20 Law.

21 MR. FOLTZ: Motion to approve as  
22 presented. Foltz.

23 MR. STROIA: Second. Stroia.

24 MR. PETERS: Do we have a second? Oh,  
25 second, Stroia. All right. All in favor,

1 say "aye."  
2 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.  
3 MR. PETERS: Aye.  
4 MS. WERREN: Aye.  
5 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.  
6 MR. CERRETA: Aye.  
7 MR. FONTE: Aye.  
8 MR. STROIA: Aye.  
9 MR. PETERS: Opposed?  
10 (No response.)  
11 MR. PETERS: All righty. Motion carries.  
12 At this time, we have recognition of  
13 visitors. There is a five-minute time limit.  
14 Ben will be giving me the -- the heads-up at  
15 one minute and 30 seconds. I just ask that  
16 you keep it professional and cordial. And  
17 I'll turn it over to you at this point.  
18 MR. YOUNG: First is Mr. Joseph Mulqueen.  
19 Mr. Mulqueen, are you there? Mr. Mulqueen?  
20 (No response.)  
21 MR. YOUNG: Mr. Mulqueen, if you are  
22 speaking, you are on mute.  
23 MR. MULQUEEN: Can you hear me now?  
24 MR. YOUNG: Yes. When you are ready,  
25 sir.

1 MR. MULQUEEN: All righty. Welp, I'm  
2 here to talk to you guys about a broad  
3 spectrum of things. And the first thing I'm  
4 here to talk about is a little thing called  
5 respect. And, you know, respect is a two-way  
6 street. You know, in order to get respect,  
7 you need to give respect.

8 And when the -- Patrolman Aikman, by  
9 order of his Sergeant, wanted to try to write  
10 me a false, unjust dogs-at-large ticket that  
11 my lawyer, Dan Funk, is busy fighting in  
12 court, on top of fighting for probate court.  
13 Because, you know, my father passed away last  
14 October. And my father worked for this town.  
15 My father went bankrupt, had the house in  
16 this town swiped.

17 And, you know, now that he has passed  
18 away, and I've paid the property tax for the  
19 year, and I continue to pay the utility bills  
20 and help, you know, generate a couple tax  
21 dollars to the City that helps run our great  
22 local economy and whatnot, you know, I find  
23 it very disrespectful when these cops try to  
24 write me a dogs-at-large ticket, when my dogs  
25 were never at large. They were, you know,

1           inside a gated area with their leashes on and  
2           whatnot.

3           And walking my dogs this past weekend, I  
4           saw an actual dog-at-large behind the high  
5           school. And I called that into the police  
6           department, and I took a video of it and  
7           everything to give to my lawyer, Dan Funk, to  
8           help get this case thrown out.

9           And I hope, you know -- I left a  
10          voicemail to the patrolman. I said, you  
11          know, I said, you know, you guys should have  
12          gave me a warning, and I hope we can work  
13          past this issue and just put it in the past,  
14          you know. We all make mistakes. And, you  
15          know, all I kindly ask -- you know, I had to  
16          give my lawyer \$300. I had to give the Stark  
17          County Health Department. I had to pay my  
18          vet \$58 to fill out that paperwork, and I  
19          have to spend another 90 bucks on Uber,  
20          because I don't drive. And, you know, so all  
21          I'm kindly looking for is to be reimbursed  
22          what I had to pay for to defend my innocence.

23          And this isn't the first time the police  
24          department has tried to illegally arrest me.  
25          Officer Ataya tried to illegal arrest me for



1           using the Dogwood pool bathroom. And my  
2           former lawyer, now Magistrate of Canton, Adam  
3           Wilgus, got the case thrown out. And I'm not  
4           afraid to dig up that old case and look into  
5           a lawsuit, if it helps generate income I can  
6           invest into Dogwood Park. And if it's a  
7           lawsuit that helps get Dogwood Park fixed up,  
8           as I say, God bless it. Because, you know --  
9           you know, this town is very important for my  
10          sobriety. And, you know, you guys can try to  
11          push me out of town or whatever, but, you  
12          know, I'm not going anywhere.

13                 And, you know, my lawyer is busy in  
14          probate court trying to, you know, get the  
15          mortgage in my name. And I have been doing  
16          my part of paying the property taxes and  
17          utility bills, and, you know, I'm staying  
18          sober from alcohol, and, you know, I'm  
19          getting very sick and tired of being harassed  
20          and discriminated by, you know, police  
21          officers when I'm a police charitarian member  
22          myself. And I tried to explain that to the  
23          patrolman and sergeant.

24                 You know, I'm hoping, you know, with the  
25          help of the Council and the Mayor, you guys

1 can -- you know, I've got court September  
2 21st, 2020 at 9:00 or 10:00 a.m. And maybe  
3 we can just get this thing pardoned, and we  
4 can -- you know, you guys can kindly  
5 reimburse me for money I had to waste on  
6 defending my innocence. Because I'll never  
7 get my time back that has been wasted going  
8 to court three times in the morning, when I  
9 can be out working out or walking my dogs.  
10 So, you know, as a Christian man, I'm trying  
11 to walk -- trying to work past this.

12 And, you know, Mr. Cerreta wants to start  
13 this prayer with leadership and whatnot.  
14 And, you know, I'm an active leader at the  
15 skate park. I've donated more this summer in  
16 skateboards and sneakers and wheels than most  
17 of you Council members have done in the past  
18 18 years. And it's a damn shame that the  
19 skate park hasn't been fixed up or the  
20 basketball court or even the jungle gym  
21 hasn't been fixed up in the past 18 years.

22 So I hope we can all just put our egos  
23 aside and just come together for renovating  
24 this park for 50 more years to come. Because  
25 the skate park has been here for 18 years.

1           As long as I'm living, I'm going to make sure  
2           this park is going to be here for another 50  
3           years for, you know, kids to take pride into  
4           it, like I took pride into this park, to the  
5           people who helped got it here.

6           And, you know, I don't know if I'm ever  
7           going to get married or have kids, but, you  
8           know, one thing I'd like to leave this world  
9           behind, you know, when it's my time to go to  
10          join my father and his father and meet Jesus  
11          Christ, is to leave, you know, a nice skate  
12          park that helped made me the man I am today.

13          And I hope the people that grew up there  
14          would get the heads out of their butts and  
15          come donate 5 grand with me, like I have put  
16          aside that I am ready to donate. But, you  
17          know, I can't speak for them. I can only  
18          speak for myself. And, you know, trying to  
19          fix up this park the past 18 years, it's like  
20          when our great President Donald Trump, you  
21          know, was trying to fix up that ice rink in  
22          New York City --

23                 MR. PETERS: Joe -- hey, Joe --

24                 MR. MULQUEEN: -- and, you know, figure  
25                 it out --

1 MR. PETERS: I'm sorry to interrupt you,  
2 but -- can you hear me?

3 MR. MULQUEEN: Yeah, I can hear you.

4 MR. PETERS: Ben?

5 MR. YOUNG: We can hear you.

6 MR. PETERS: Hey, we are past the  
7 five-minute mark.

8 MR. MULQUEEN: All right. Welp, the last  
9 thing I have to say is I'm not afraid to fix  
10 up Dogwood Park like our great President  
11 Donald Trump fixed up that ice rink in New  
12 York City. I'm ready to do whatever it takes  
13 to get it fixed, whether, you know, the  
14 politicians want to put their egos aside or  
15 not.

16 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Joe.

17 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

18 MR. YOUNG: All right. Next is Amy  
19 Cobaugh. Amy, are you there? You are on  
20 mute, so you'll need to unmute yourself.

21 (No response.)

22 MR. YOUNG: Amy?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. PETERS: Ben, is she still on mute?

25 MR. YOUNG: Yes, she is. And I've asked

1 her to unmute, but she hasn't; so --

2 MR. FONTE: You might -- tell her how to  
3 do it.

4 MR. PETERS: How about if we move onto --

5 MR. CERRETA: Come back to her.

6 MR. YOUNG: Mr. Blubaugh? Mr. Blubaugh,  
7 are you there?

8 MR. BLUBAUGH: I am.

9 MR. FONTE: He's there.

10 MR. YOUNG: When you are ready.

11 Mr. Blubaugh?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. FONTE: Hey, Ben, can you tell him  
14 how to hit mute on their phone, how they  
15 unmute?

16 MR. YOUNG: So you might --

17 MR. CERRETA: He might be on the  
18 computer.

19 MR. YOUNG: Well, they are all on phone  
20 calls.

21 MR. FONTE: Yeah, from the phone, you  
22 know, if they tap the screen with their  
23 finger, hopefully they'll see where it says  
24 mute or unmute.

25 MR. YOUNG: Yes. And there should be a

1           little icon of a microphone.

2           MR. FONTE: Right. So, like, if you --  
3           you know, on the left side.

4           MR. CERRETA: We should give them a call.  
5           Ben, why don't you give them a call and take  
6           them through it, please?

7           MR. FONTE: Is there anybody on the call?  
8           Joe or anybody? Amy, are you there?

9           (No response.)

10          MR. PETERS: Hey, Ben, are they both  
11          still on mute?

12          MR. CERRETA: He's probably talking to  
13          them.

14          MR. PETERS: Yeah, that's what I figured.

15          MR. FONTE: We'll need a simple tutorial  
16          maybe for the future. We can do a screen  
17          recorder, so they can see how easy it is to  
18          mute and unmute.

19          MS. WERREN: Yeah, but Mr. Blubaugh has  
20          been on numerous times. He knows how to do  
21          it.

22          Jeff, are we able to move on before and  
23          then come back?

24          MR. PETERS: Well --

25          MR. CERRETA: We can't really talk about

1 something these folks might be talking about.

2 MR. YOUNG: I reached Mr. Blubaugh, and  
3 he is going to re-call in. I tried  
4 re-calling Ms. Cobaugh, but her phone did not  
5 connect. So Ms. Cobaugh, if you can hear me,  
6 please try --

7 MR. PETERS: Okay.

8 MR. YOUNG: -- calling back in again.

9 MR. BLUBAUGH: Okay. I'm here. Joe  
10 Blubaugh.

11 MR. PETERS: Okay. We'll take a few  
12 minutes and wait for Joe.

13 MR. REVOLDT: Joe is on.

14 MR. PETERS: There he is.

15 THE REPORTER: He is here.

16 MR. CERRETA: Joe is on. Welcome, Joe.

17 MR. BLUBAUGH: Thank you. Can I speak?

18 MR. PETERS: Yep.

19 MR. YOUNG: Yes.

20 MR. BLUBAUGH: Okay. Joe Blubaugh, 256  
21 Glenwood Street, Southwest. Welcome back  
22 from the summer break. I hope you all  
23 enjoyed it. I'm here just to talk again  
24 about something really important to me,  
25 the -- the City trees in North Canton. I

1 appreciate the time that many of you have  
2 spent listening to me recently, meeting with  
3 me, reading my e-mails, and so on. And I'm  
4 just asking for a few more minutes.

5 I think the fact that the petition that I  
6 started now has 643 signatures, the petition  
7 to save the trees at Bitzer, is an important  
8 number, 643. And so I think it's an  
9 important issue that needs to be addressed.  
10 The trees owned by the City are an important  
11 part of the City's infrastructure, just as  
12 our buildings, streets, and utilities. The  
13 City should maintain its trees just as it  
14 maintains its other infrastructure.

15 The State of Ohio offers professional,  
16 independent, free technical advice to help  
17 communities like North Canton maintain their  
18 urban forests. But after repeated requests  
19 by many people, including members of City  
20 Council, the City has not taken advantage of  
21 this ODNR service. For some reason, the City  
22 administration refuses to act for this free,  
23 professional, independent technical service.

24 The City has asked one or two arborists  
25 to give advice about the trees at Bitzer



1 Park, but why ask a favor of a business  
2 person who has conflicting interest, when  
3 there is a truly independent, professional  
4 service free of charge. It appears the City  
5 administration does not consider its trees to  
6 be part of the infrastructure. In fact, it  
7 may even -- it looks like the City considers  
8 the trees to be an impediment to some of its  
9 plan.

10 For instance, in spite of all the  
11 citizens' recommendations, the City went  
12 ahead with its plans for Bitzer Park with  
13 only minor adjustments, and were stopped only  
14 because the bids came in too high. Also in  
15 spite of all the citizen recommendations  
16 about Bitzer Park, the current plans for  
17 Dogwood Park call for destroying many large  
18 trees to do the most unpark-like thing,  
19 expand the parking lot. Literally, paving  
20 paradise to put up a parking lot, as Joni  
21 Mitchell's song says. The song goes on to  
22 say, you don't know what you've got until  
23 it's gone. Let's not let that happen to us.  
24 Let's recognize what we have in those trees  
25 before they are gone.

1           Would the City consider removing the  
2           infrastructure of the nearby fire station to  
3           expand the parking lot? Then why would it  
4           consider removing the infrastructure of the  
5           trees to do so?

6           I urge the City to change its mind-set  
7           about its trees, to recognize that its  
8           trees -- that its trees are another valuable  
9           infrastructure that the City administration  
10          is responsible to maintain for its citizens.  
11          643 people have signed their names asking the  
12          City to do so. And I urge you to take  
13          advantage of the free services offered by  
14          ODNR to find the best way to do it. Thank  
15          you.

16          MR. CERRETA: Thank you, Joe.

17          MR. PETERS: Thank you, Joe.

18          MR. FONTE: Thank you.

19          MR. YOUNG: I believe we have Ms. Cobaugh  
20          again. Ms. Cobaugh, are you there?

21          MS. COBAUGH: Yes. Can you hear me?

22          MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

23          MS. COBAUGH: Oh, praise the Lord, yes.

24          MR. PETERS: We sure can.

25          MS. COBAUGH: Thank you for having me as

1 a speaker.

2 MR. YOUNG: Okay. When you are ready,  
3 Ms. Cobaugh.

4 MS. COBAUGH: I was just calling to  
5 address some repairs that need to be done at  
6 the skate park and the -- the basketball  
7 court. I obviously -- I'm unaware if there  
8 are any City funds for that. Mr. Mulqueen  
9 mentioned a booster club. Again, I -- that  
10 sounds like a great idea. I don't know how  
11 you go forward with that. But mostly my  
12 concern was, like, there are cracks in the  
13 pavement.

14 I know, of course, my son lives there  
15 from like March to November. He's a skater.  
16 And he wants all new equipment. He wants  
17 ledges, like concrete boxes I guess you could  
18 describe them as. And I'm like, well, I  
19 don't -- I don't know if the City has money  
20 for all these things. But I just wanted to  
21 address at the very least some of the repairs  
22 that need to be done and how to go forward in  
23 finding money for these things, if necessary.

24 MR. CERRETA: Uh-huh.

25 MS. COBAUGH: And I can't go -- well, and

1           that's it. I mean, it's a great park. Like  
2           I said, I -- my sons are -- my one son  
3           literally lives there. It's -- it's just a  
4           wonderful asset to this community. My other  
5           son plays basketball. Again, valuable -- my  
6           husband and I were talking about moving once,  
7           and we are like, we can't because of the  
8           skate park.

9           Because our kids can ride their bikes up  
10          there, and, you know, just spend the day with  
11          their friends, walk to Family Dollar, get a  
12          dollar water gallon or whatever, a gallon of  
13          water. And it's just so nice for them to  
14          have and the kids in this area to have. So,  
15          you know, we are really grateful for the  
16          park. And that's it.

17          MR. REVOLDT: Well, thank you.

18          MR. STROIA: Thank you.

19          MR. PETERS: Thank you, Amy.

20          MS. COBAUGH: Thank you.

21          MR. YOUNG: All right. Those are our  
22          only speakers, Mr. President.

23          MR. PETERS: All right. Ben, thank you  
24          very much, sir. And we will move on at this  
25          time to old business. May I have a motion

1 and a second to read by title only Ordinance  
2 40-20?

3 MR. FOLTZ: So moved. Foltz.

4 MR. CERRETA: Second. Second. Cerreta.

5 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

6 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

7 MR. PETERS: Aye.

8 MS. WERREN: Aye.

9 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

10 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

11 MR. FONTE: Aye.

12 MR. STROIA: Aye.

13 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.  
16 All right. Motion carries.

17 Ben, I'm going to ask you, is that all  
18 right, to read these for tonight?

19 MR. YOUNG: Yeah, that's fine.

20 MR. PETERS: Okay.

21 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance authorizing the  
22 Director of Administration to establish  
23 rental rates for City-owned buildings,  
24 facilities, parks, sport fields, and portions  
25 thereof.

1 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you very  
2 much.

3 Chairman Foltz.

4 MR. FOLTZ: Yeah. Thank you. It's as it  
5 reads. I don't have anything to add. We are  
6 just giving the authorization to the  
7 administration to adjust these as needed.  
8 And, Pat, if you have anything else to add.

9 MR. DEORIO: I do not. Nothing has  
10 changed since we last discussed it.

11 MR. FOLTZ: Okay. I motion we approve  
12 the second reading.

13 MR. REVOLDT: Second by Revoldt.

14 MR. PETERS: All right. All in favor,  
15 say "aye."

16 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

17 MR. PETERS: Aye.

18 MS. WERREN: Aye.

19 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

20 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

21 MR. FONTE: Aye.

22 MR. STROIA: Aye.

23 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

1 Thank you, Doug.

2 On to new business; may I have a motion  
3 and a second to read by title only Ordinance  
4 42-20?

5 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta moves.

6 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.

7 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

8 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

9 MR. PETERS: Aye.

10 MS. WERREN: Aye.

11 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

12 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

13 MR. FONTE: Aye.

14 MR. STROIA: Aye.

15 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

18 Ben, please.

19 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance authorizing the  
20 Mayor of the City of North Canton, through  
21 the Board of Control, to renew a personal  
22 services agreement for computer server,  
23 network, workstation monitoring, maintenance  
24 and support, remote and onsite support,  
25 malware protection, web browsing protection,

1 patch management, dark web monitoring, and  
2 security awareness education for the City's  
3 critical, complex, municipal infrastructure  
4 equipment; and given the critical nature of  
5 this agreement, to do so without advertising  
6 for bids as provided by Charter Section 4.05,  
7 contracting and purchasing, and declaring the  
8 same to be an emergency.

9 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

10 Chairwoman Werren.

11 MS. WERREN: Okay. As it says -- Ben,  
12 you did a really nice job. I couldn't really  
13 add anything if I wanted. The only thing I  
14 will say -- and, Patrick, correct me if I'm  
15 wrong -- is that we will have a two-year  
16 guarantee in the pricing of this, so we won't  
17 have to do it again, which we thought was  
18 really advantageous for the City.

19 MR. DEORIO: That is correct, Stephanie.  
20 A two-year agreement, with no increase in  
21 the -- in the cost from the previous  
22 contract.

23 MS. WERREN: Great. And I know we have  
24 been really pleased with them since we had  
25 looked into this in the first place. So if



1 no other questions, I move that we adopt.

2 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

3 MR. PETERS: All right. We have a  
4 second. All in favor, say "aye."

5 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

6 MR. PETERS: Aye.

7 MS. WERREN: Aye.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

9 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

10 MR. FONTE: Aye.

11 MR. STROIA: Aye.

12 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

15 May I have a second to suspend the rules  
16 of Council requiring three readings?

17 MS. WERREN: So moved. Werren.

18 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

19 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

20 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

21 MR. PETERS: Aye.

22 MS. WERREN: Aye.

23 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

24 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

25 MR. FONTE: Aye.

1 MR. STROIA: Aye.

2 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

5 And, finally, a motion and a second to  
6 adopt Ordinance 42-20 under suspension of the  
7 rules.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

9 MS. WERREN: Second. Werren.

10 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta, second.

11 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

12 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

13 MR. PETERS: Aye.

14 MS. WERREN: Aye.

15 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

16 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

17 MR. FONTE: Aye.

18 MR. STROIA: Aye.

19 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

22 May I have a motion and a second to read by  
23 title only Ordinance 43-20?

24 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta second -- Cerreta  
25 moves.

1 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.

2 MR. PETERS: Werren seconds. All in  
3 favor, say "aye."

4 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

5 MR. PETERS: Aye.

6 MS. WERREN: Aye.

7 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

8 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

9 MR. FONTE: Aye.

10 MR. STROIA: Aye.

11 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

14 Ben.

15 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance authorizing the  
16 appropriation of funds of the City of North  
17 Canton to be appropriated for current  
18 expenses during the fiscal year ending  
19 December 31st, 2020.

20 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

21 Chairwoman Werren.

22 MS. WERREN: Okay. This is just -- we  
23 kind -- we do this every year, and it is with  
24 the water and backflow. And I know we all  
25 get those letters in the mail. And you

1 better do them, or you are going to get in  
2 trouble by the City. So this keeps us up  
3 with everything. Right, Pat?

4 MR. DEORIO: Right.

5 MS. WERREN: If no other questions, I  
6 move to adopt.

7 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt seconds.

8 MR. PETERS: We have a motion and a  
9 second. All those in favor, say "aye."

10 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

11 MR. PETERS: Aye.

12 MS. WERREN: Aye.

13 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

14 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

15 MR. FONTE: Aye.

16 MR. STROIA: Aye.

17 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

20 May I have a motion and a second to read  
21 by title only Ordinance 44-20?

22 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

23 MR. CERRETA: Cerreta, second.

24 MR. PETERS: Do we have -- do we have a  
25 second?

1 MR. REVOLDT: Yes, Cerreta.

2 MS. WERREN: Second. Werren.

3 MR. PETERS: Oh, okay.

4 MR. REVOLDT: You need a vote.

5 MR. PETERS: Oh, got you. All right. I  
6 kind of lapsed in my audio here. All in  
7 favor, say "aye."

8 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

9 MR. PETERS: Aye.

10 MS. WERREN: Aye.

11 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

12 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

13 MR. FONTE: Aye.

14 MR. STROIA: Aye.

15 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. PETERS: Motion carries.

18 Ben.

19 MR. YOUNG: An ordinance authorizing the  
20 Mayor to enter into an agreement with  
21 McKinley-Applegrove, Limited, thereby  
22 accepting a maintenance bond to guarantee  
23 certain maintenance improvements at the  
24 Sanctuary Phase 4 development.

25 MR. PETERS: Okay. And just for clarity,

1           this is -- on your agenda, it's under finance  
2           and property. It's actually street and  
3           alley. So Chairman Fonte.

4           MR. FONTE: We talked about this last  
5           week. It's just basically the phase that  
6           they already did. It's just they guarantee  
7           that they are making sure the utilities and  
8           they are conforming to all the things to make  
9           sure they meet the City standard. That's  
10          all. I move that we pass it, unless Pat or  
11          Rob had something to say about it.

12          MR. DEORIO: We are good.

13          MR. GRAHAM: That was fine. Thank you.

14          MR. FOLTZ: Foltz seconds.

15          MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

16          MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

17          MR. PETERS: Aye.

18          MS. WERREN: Aye.

19          MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

20          MR. CERRETA: Aye.

21          MR. FONTE: Aye.

22          MR. STROIA: Aye.

23          MR. PETERS: Opposed?

24          (No response.)

25          MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.

1                   Moving on, department reports. Deputy  
2                   Director of Administration.

3                   MS. FARINA: I have no report. Thank  
4                   you.

5                   MR. PETERS: Thank you, Catherine.  
6                   Director of Administration.

7                   MR. DEORIO: Yes. I guess I would like  
8                   to opine. Just as a matter of clarification  
9                   for the community at large, you know, when  
10                  the park project design phase -- I shouldn't  
11                  even say that -- the park project exploration  
12                  phase was first thought of several years  
13                  ago -- I think it was 2017 -- we submitted,  
14                  you know, a request to the State for capital  
15                  budget allocation.

16                  And to make sure that we got the most  
17                  that there was to get and that we would fare  
18                  well against all the other competitive  
19                  interest for limited amount of funds, the  
20                  City put together something more than was  
21                  just a sheet of paper type act. We put  
22                  together a park plan. As you recall, this  
23                  was subject of a dozen or more meetings back  
24                  in 2017, front page of the paper, boards put  
25                  up throughout City Hall that were left up for

1 the Council meetings for months.

2 And, you know, the nature of that was  
3 that these were concepts. It was concepts to  
4 show the legislators in Columbus that we were  
5 serious about this plan, and that if they  
6 gave us this money, they awarded it to us,  
7 that we would be good stewards and actually  
8 spend the money, unlike some other  
9 communities that get the money and -- and  
10 never spend it. That was not the case here.

11 So the -- the initial renderings,  
12 drawing, concepts were that. They were  
13 nothing that was etched in stone, nothing  
14 that was really vetted seriously, other than  
15 to award to -- or to give to the legislature  
16 an idea that this was what we wanted to do.  
17 And so the legislature put that into effect  
18 for -- under a line item of park  
19 improvements, and then left it to our  
20 discretion to figure out what that eventually  
21 was.

22 And that's the part that we have gone  
23 through or are trying to go through since  
24 then. And where we are with Dogwood now is  
25 it -- it hasn't even been designed yet. We



1 are still in the phases of trying to figure  
2 things out there, talking with various  
3 vendors and consultants to kind of come up  
4 with eventually something that we can do.  
5 Deputy Director Farina is meeting with  
6 various groups that are interested in the  
7 playground, inclusivity of it, and -- and so  
8 on.

9 So we hope to be able to get through that  
10 in the next few months, so that at some point  
11 here, you know, perhaps as -- in the  
12 beginning of the year, be in a position that  
13 we have something to actually bring back to  
14 City Council, so that we can send it out for  
15 bid. That's the plan.

16 So to say that, you know -- to accuse us  
17 of going up and murdering trees at Dogwood,  
18 that's not the case. That's just -- that's  
19 just hype designed to get a certain intent.  
20 There isn't even anything there to do.

21 I don't disagree with Mr. Blubaugh  
22 regarding the trees and that they are a  
23 valuable infrastructure, and to -- to suggest  
24 otherwise is not accurate of administration's  
25 position. But keep in mind, you know,

1           decades of neglect are not something that can  
2           be easily turned around in a very short  
3           order. But it's not really something that we  
4           are not willing to undertake.

5           As it relates to the skate park,  
6           Mrs. Cobaugh, we agree the skate park is in  
7           need of a new look, actually something that  
8           is more quiet and conducive, an all cement  
9           skate park. And we are working on that, and  
10          perhaps a new location for that, one where it  
11          can be more expansive. And we do believe  
12          that there, you know, could be funds  
13          available from within our park improvement  
14          project. So this is something that's under  
15          consideration as we speak.

16          That concludes my report. Thank you.

17          MR. PETERS: All righty. Thank you.

18          Mayor, you are up.

19          MR. WILDER: Yes. Good evening, Council.  
20          Thank you very much for those that are  
21          listening tonight, and I appreciate the  
22          comments, again, from the people who are  
23          recognized as our visitors.

24          I just want to touch on a few things.  
25          First of all, I want to thank Tim Fox for his

1 service to the City of North Canton for the  
2 last nine years. And I wish him all the best  
3 as he goes on with his future and career.

4 I would like to bring attention, today  
5 was the first day of school for North Canton  
6 City Schools, and the beginning for Saint  
7 Paul's Catholic Church -- Catholic School. I  
8 won't go into all the grades that were  
9 going -- that will be taking place here on  
10 Monday and Tuesday for our students  
11 returning.

12 I had the opportunity to visit all the  
13 elementary schools this morning, and I have  
14 to give a shout out to Orchard Hill  
15 Elementary School for their beautiful arch  
16 that they had of orange and black balloons  
17 and white balloons there, and greeting the  
18 kids when they -- coming off their buses,  
19 and -- and all the parents that were -- and  
20 teachers in their parking lots, navigating  
21 kids into school, meeting them right up  
22 front.

23 I observed our -- the staff and the  
24 students wearing their facial coverings.  
25 And -- and the bus drivers. So hopefully

1           it's a good start of a school year and a safe  
2           one for everybody.

3           You know, there is always the issue that  
4           comes up, and many of you Council people  
5           probably get these questions, too. It's  
6           stopping for school buses. And I -- I need  
7           to bring this to your attention. Okay?  
8           Folks, if you are listening, remember, when  
9           you are on the road with fewer than four  
10          lanes, all traffic approaching a stopped  
11          school bus from either direction must stop at  
12          least 10 feet from the front or the rear of  
13          the bus, and remain stopped until the bus  
14          begins to move or the bus driver signals you,  
15          the motorist, to proceed.

16          So on a road that's less than three  
17          lanes. So look at East Maple Street. It's  
18          three lanes. It's less than that -- it's  
19          less than four. Folks, you have got to stop  
20          in both directions. Okay?

21          The issues that we run into, and you see  
22          them, folks and Council members, is on Main  
23          Street and Everhard and Applegrove, and -- we  
24          have four-lane traffic there. So, remember,  
25          if the bus is stopped on a street with four

1 or more lanes, only traffic proceeding in the  
2 same direction as the bus must stop. I know  
3 this is confusing. You still see people  
4 stopping. So if you just remember the rule;  
5 three lanes or less, you got to stop. Okay?

6 And, of course, if it's on a divided  
7 highway, such as Route 30, something like  
8 that, or Route 62, you don't have to stop,  
9 because the bus is required to pick up  
10 students on their side. So I hope that  
11 clarifies things. I'm sure that the question  
12 will come up.

13 But I have seen near accidents occur --  
14 almost occur on Everhard or Applegrove, and  
15 -- and Everhard and Main Street because  
16 people aren't -- they don't understand the  
17 rules for stopping for a stopped school bus.  
18 So something on safety there.

19 Also, I want to welcome back Walsh  
20 University, their students and faculty. They  
21 moved 900 students in on the campus this  
22 whole last week. And their classes start  
23 this Wednesday, August the 26th. And if you  
24 have been out there at Market and the corner  
25 of East Maple Street, their new clock tower

1 is nearing completion at that corner, and  
2 it's really going to, I think, add a little  
3 something extra to the university and really  
4 make that corner very, very attractive.

5 Just one other thing; you know, census  
6 takers are still take -- are still in our  
7 community. I saw some walking just the other  
8 day on Seventh Street. I just want to remind  
9 everybody that September the 30th is the last  
10 day for households to self-respond online or  
11 by phone or by mail for responding to the  
12 census. And that is very critical for us.  
13 And as our Council knows, it helps with the  
14 infrastructure and improvements for our City.

15 So we have been very good. I know we  
16 have been as high as 79 percent response.  
17 But I'd like to get that even higher, and so  
18 that we'll have a better impact and hopefully  
19 an opportunity to get funding in the future  
20 for our infrastructure and projects we have  
21 for the betterment of our community.

22 And remember, those census takers, they  
23 have -- they have identification -- they have  
24 identification on them. So if someone visits  
25 your home to collect information for the 2020

1 census, check for a valid ID and a  
2 photograph. They'll have a US Department of  
3 Commerce watermark with an expiration date,  
4 and the census carriers will also carry a  
5 census bureau bag and other equipment with  
6 the census bureau logo.

7 I just want to -- that got a little  
8 confusing, because we are not allowing  
9 solicitors right now for the City of North  
10 Canton through the end of the year for sure  
11 due to the COVID-19 situation. So I just  
12 wanted to bring those few points up to you.  
13 And I'll let our Engineer, Rob Graham, talk  
14 about some of our road improvements.

15 But folks, thank you much for your time.  
16 President Peters and Council, thank you for  
17 the privilege for me to just share those few  
18 things with you tonight. Thank you very  
19 much. And may all of you, again, stay safe  
20 and keep well.

21 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

22 MR. PETERS: All right. Director of  
23 Finance.

24 MS. ALABACK: Thank you. I just wanted  
25 to give a brief overview of our income tax

1 collections. Since the April filing deadline  
2 was delayed by the IRS until August, we now  
3 have those numbers in. And the City of North  
4 Canton is right around 3 percent to the good  
5 over last year from August until last year of  
6 April. So we are still going to be  
7 monitoring that through -- through year end.

8 We are entering budget season now,  
9 preparing the budget for next year. And next  
10 year I believe is when we are going to see  
11 even a further decline, which is a reporting  
12 on the 2020 tax year. So we are going to  
13 keep our eye on that as we build the budget  
14 next year. We are going to remain  
15 conservative. And I'll keep you updated as  
16 we see any changes come through.

17 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

18 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Jina.  
19 Okay.

20 Up next, Engineer Graham.

21 MR. GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. President.  
22 Since we last met, we wrapped up the three  
23 projects we were working on at that time.  
24 That was the Applegrove repaving, our  
25 Northfield sanitary sewer replacement



1 project, and also the Portage paving; wrapped  
2 that up last week.

3 Still got three more to go in this late  
4 summer and fall season. The first is the  
5 Easthill reconstruction. We started that one  
6 actually four weeks ago today. And our  
7 contractor is making very good progress. We  
8 have had great weather, and -- and I don't  
9 want to jinx anything, but we are a little  
10 ahead of schedule based on what he laid out  
11 in his pre-construction meeting.

12 Our second project yet this year to  
13 complete is our big East Maple Street  
14 enhancement project. Central Allied is our  
15 contractor there, and they have completed  
16 their layout of all -- you know, the staking  
17 and whatnot. And we had a site walk-through  
18 meeting last week with the administrator and  
19 myself to kind of go over final locations of  
20 streetlights and walk and whatnot. And we  
21 really hope they get started this week on  
22 that project, the sidewalk part.

23 The other component of that is the Stark  
24 County Engineer's East Maple Street roadway  
25 bridge. That sub is looking at starting

1           around Monday, September 14th. And with  
2           that, that one will have a 45-day closure of  
3           that structure. And the detour will be  
4           Marquardt, Applegrove, and Market Avenue.  
5           And, of course, we'll keep you posted as we  
6           get closer to that date.

7           And our last project for this fall is our  
8           Pittsburgh waterline, where we had the  
9           \$250,000 in CDBG grant. Stark County Board  
10          of Commissioners actually opened our bids for  
11          that project last Tuesday. And I was quite  
12          happy with that. I had the project estimated  
13          at about \$795,000. We had five bidders. Two  
14          are below my estimate. One was pretty much  
15          at it. And two were above my estimate. So  
16          that's always good when it works out that  
17          way.

18          And our low bidder was significantly  
19          lower, even -- even under the second bid by  
20          \$95,000. Our low bidder was Superior Paving,  
21          and their bid was \$596,577.55. So a very low  
22          bid, almost \$200,000 under my estimate. And  
23          the Commissioners are looking to give them  
24          their notice to proceed in mid-September.  
25          That's also our Easthill contractor. So they

1 are excited to finish Easthill and jump over  
2 to Pittsburgh probably around the end of  
3 September.

4 And unless there are any questions, that  
5 concludes my report, Mr. President.

6 MS. WERREN: Hey, Rob, I have a question.

7 MR. GRAHAM: Yes, ma'am.

8 MS. WERREN: Do you feel like we are  
9 moving pretty well on Easthill?

10 MR. GRAHAM: I do. I think --

11 MS. WERREN: Yeah.

12 MR. GRAHAM: An example is Superior  
13 thought they'd have six weeks in the storm  
14 sewer system. They got it in. They finished  
15 it last Wednesday, in three and a half weeks.

16 MS. WERREN: Oh, great. Okay.

17 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah. Actually, they're  
18 excavating for the curb and gutter on the  
19 south side of the road --

20 MS. WERREN: Yeah.

21 MR. GRAHAM: -- and they'll get that in  
22 Thursday and Friday, if the weather permits.  
23 We have a lot of thunderstorms --

24 MS. WERREN: Yeah, I definitely notice  
25 how fast they seem to be moving. And many

1 people are just really excited about that  
2 connectivity up to North Main. So that's  
3 great.

4 And the Northfield project turned out  
5 great, as well. So thanks for all your work  
6 on that.

7 MR. GRAHAM: Thank you. Thank you. I'm  
8 really happy with how that one turned out.

9 MS. WERREN: Yeah.

10 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Rob.  
11 I appreciate it.

12 MR. GRAHAM: You are welcome.

13 MR. PETERS: Council Clerk Ben.

14 MR. YOUNG: Yes. All I have is today,  
15 after some unexpected delays due to me  
16 getting sick, Council's new intern, Margi  
17 Straub started today. And she is here with  
18 us for her baptism of fire with a Council  
19 meeting on day one.

20 MS. STRAUB: Hi, everyone.

21 MR. FOLTZ: Welcome.

22 MS. WERREN: Can Margi tell us a little  
23 bit about herself?

24 MS. STRAUB: Yeah. Hi, I am a senior at  
25 Kent State University, studying conflict

1 management, with a minor in human resource  
2 management.

3 MR. PETERS: Okay.

4 MS. WERREN: Great. And do you live in  
5 town, or are you up --

6 MS. STRAUB: So I'm originally from  
7 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I live in Kent to  
8 go to school at the university. And then I  
9 commute into North Canton.

10 MS. WERREN: Oh, that's great. Well,  
11 welcome. Glad to have you.

12 MS. STRAUB: Thank you. Thank you. I'm  
13 very excited.

14 MS. WERREN: We are going to ask you that  
15 by Christmas, if that's the case.

16 MR. YOUNG: Depends on how many little  
17 research projects you give her.

18 MS. WERREN: Right. That's good to know.  
19 Thank you.

20 MR. PETERS: Daryl, go easy on her.

21 MR. REVOLDT: Yeah. Yeah. I think Ben  
22 has already warned her.

23 MR. PETERS: Welcome aboard.

24 MR. FOLTZ: Yes.

25 MS. STRAUB: Thank you.

1 MR. YOUNG: That's all for me.

2 MR. PETERS: Okay. Next up -- yep,  
3 that's it?

4 MR. YOUNG: Yes.

5 MR. PETERS: Okay. Thank you, Ben.

6 Next up, Council reports. Member Foltz.

7 MR. FOLTZ: Thank you. I appreciate  
8 Mr. DeOrio's comments about the skate park  
9 and our park improvements here. You know, we  
10 have a great park system here in North  
11 Canton. And I remember when I advocated for  
12 that -- that skateboard facility, and it  
13 wasn't so much -- it wasn't well received, if  
14 I remember at the time.

15 And it's great to see that kids are using  
16 it. And, you know, when we have recreational  
17 amenities, we have to put more money back  
18 into them. So, obviously, if it's not part  
19 of the master plan for Dogwood or to be  
20 located somewhere else, I'd ask Council to  
21 support improvements to that skateboard  
22 facility and the basketball court for next  
23 year's capital budget. Because I think it is  
24 near and dear to a lot of our young residents  
25 here, and I think it's an asset to the City.

1           That said, I appreciate everybody's  
2           service here in North Canton. It has been  
3           a -- a hot summer, and I think we -- to Rob's  
4           credit, we got a lot done with contractors  
5           and our street projects. So it -- you know,  
6           it really looks nice with all the contractors  
7           finishing their jobs. And last, I wish Tim  
8           Fox well. That's my report. Thank you.

9           MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Doug.  
10          Member Werren.

11          MS. WERREN: Okay. Thank you. Rob,  
12          just, again, thank you for the projects. I  
13          just -- I have been doing a lot of walking  
14          and running and just different sports in my  
15          community, and it's just really looking very  
16          nice. I'm impressed, too, with what the  
17          neighbors do to maintain their properties. I  
18          know even at my age how sometimes it's hard  
19          to get up and take care of your lawn. And so  
20          it's just impressive to see that.

21          I wanted to thank Dominic. He had me do  
22          that little video in Eastwood's park. And it  
23          got so much attraction, Dominic. So thank  
24          you. And more importantly, it made people so  
25          aware of one of our amenities. And when we

1 have members from our community calling to  
2 say that they're not moving because of some  
3 of those amenities, that's pretty -- those  
4 are pretty good calls. And from the  
5 responses that I got about people not knowing  
6 that they were there, or -- gosh, it was  
7 great to see that. That made me so happy,  
8 because that's just a fabulous park we have  
9 down there in Eastwood. So that was great.

10 Tim Fox, thank you for all that you have  
11 done for our City, to your commitment to  
12 Council, the many members of your own ward  
13 when you first started out as council person,  
14 and then the entire City. I know there are  
15 great things ahead of you. You are a very  
16 well-respected attorney throughout the  
17 community, and I know you are going to do --  
18 do great. So thank you for that. And I  
19 think that's it. I think that's it.

20 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you,  
21 Steph.

22 Member Fonte.

23 MR. FONTE: Yeah. I just wanted to say  
24 thanks for the service of everybody that's  
25 working, and I appreciate the constituents'



1 input always. And, Tim, you know, we'll miss  
2 you. You were awesome. I thought very  
3 highly of you, and I hope you have a great  
4 future.

5 And yes, Steph, that was fun, and I'm a  
6 big advocate of trying to promote anything  
7 that is positive and uplifting, because I  
8 think it's -- too much -- too much is -- too  
9 much negativity, too much understated. I  
10 recommend all Council members come up with  
11 something in their ward or Council at large  
12 of what is a nice amenity that -- you know,  
13 we know what they are, but I think that's the  
14 whole problem about everything is, you know,  
15 articulating what it is, how easy it is, how  
16 nice it is to our -- you know, what are the  
17 amenities here. And it took us like, what,  
18 Steph, 45 seconds, a minute maybe?

19 MS. WERREN: Yeah, not even.

20 MR. FONTE: Yeah. And she got -- go back  
21 and look, if you haven't seen it. I mean,  
22 she got bombarded with comments. I mean,  
23 bombarded. And I'll tell you -- and that's a  
24 simple thing to do, and we just need to do  
25 more of it. That's all I have to say.

1 Thanks again.

2 MS. WERREN: I mean, you guys, I might  
3 have to resign, because I'm pretty sure I'm  
4 going to get a talk show off of this.

5 MR. FOLTZ: Might need Ellen --

6 MR. REVOLDT: You going to be on the home  
7 and garden show?

8 MS. WERREN: Yeah. There are some  
9 openings, I think. And the next time --

10 MR. CERRETA: Ellen's fill-in --

11 MS. WERREN: Right. And I didn't tell  
12 Jina yet, but when -- we are both going to  
13 get a date, and we are going to go to the  
14 pickleball courts, and we are both going to  
15 be doing the spiel on that day. So, Jina,  
16 you get ready; we are going to do pickleball.

17 MS. ALABACK: Oh, I'm ready. I'm ready.

18 MR. FONTE: You guys and your pickleball.

19 MS. WERREN: Right. We thought that  
20 would be great. And then we'll head to  
21 Pav's. So great things.

22 MR. FONTE: Yes. Yes. There are a lot  
23 of great amenities. Keep promoting them  
24 everybody, because that's -- help these small  
25 people. I want everybody --

1 MR. PETERS: All right.

2 MR. FONTE: -- successful.

3 MS. WERREN: Thanks.

4 MR. PETERS: Thank you, Dominic.

5 MR. FONTE: You are welcome.

6 MR. PETERS: Member Revoldt.

7 MR. REVOLDT: No report.

8 MR. PETERS: Okay. Member Cerreta.

9 MR. CERRETA: Yeah, a couple things.

10 First of all, Pat, thank you for your update  
11 on Dogwood. I was going to ask about that.  
12 Also, before we went on break, I sent a  
13 letter to all the Council and the  
14 administration. And in that letter explained  
15 that I went through the -- that Bitzer Park  
16 with Joe Blubaugh, Daryl, and Matt, our three  
17 Council at large. That's why I picked those.

18 And, you know, the design -- or Pat said  
19 the concept that's in the original thing that  
20 was put forward to us to get the approval of  
21 the funding was -- was February 2020, was  
22 very different than what we are looking at  
23 right now. In fact, that design had many of  
24 the trees, almost all of them on the sides,  
25 and some of the middle sides.

1           And I know that the quotes came back and  
2           were much higher than we originally thought.  
3           You know, and I ask that we revisit the  
4           design to cut back on some of the very  
5           high-end cost, like the total landscaping of  
6           the place or even, you know, the -- the trees  
7           there. That's a major part of that. And if  
8           we can keep some of these trees for more  
9           shade friendly, that's even going to save us  
10          money; not only that. So the design can be  
11          adjusted to keep many of the existing trees.  
12          I'm all for that for the shade that we need,  
13          or -- and -- and/or add many of the tree --  
14          other new trees that are -- that are there.

15          So if we can put a sidewalk in and let  
16          the trees stay, that's fine. If the trees  
17          die later, we work with that. But sidewalks  
18          shouldn't be a reason to take down some  
19          things that are valuable. And I consider  
20          shade is valuable when you have an  
21          amphitheater there and people in the middle  
22          of the day. And if we put new trees in  
23          there, like I said before, it's going to be  
24          years before those things are created enough  
25          to give us the shade that we want.

1           So I did ask Pat and Steve to kind of  
2           give us -- create a redesign meeting. I have  
3           not heard anything -- anything more about the  
4           letter or anything at all. So I would like  
5           to get some feedback on that. Also, I'd like  
6           to know who -- who actually decided all that.  
7           I think this is something that's right  
8           downtown in the middle of our town, so the  
9           Council or the people, if you want to call  
10          it, should be a part of that. So we should  
11          have all that ahead of time, rather than just  
12          get hit by this thing later on.

13          I appreciate the updates, like I said,  
14          from Pat on the Dogwood. I'd like to -- you  
15          know, that also has to do with Children's  
16          Hospital, and that's a big deal that we have  
17          here. We have been -- we had that money  
18          now -- or the donation for some time now.  
19          I'd like to get an update on that.

20          I'd also like to get formal updates on  
21          the K-Mart and the post office, because  
22          people ask me about all this stuff all the  
23          time. And I think they deserve an answer,  
24          but I don't even know the answer to it. So  
25          I'd like to get some updates on all of those

1 things for all of us, so we are more fully  
2 updated, and we can answer some of these  
3 questions.

4 Outside of that, another item I'd like to  
5 mention is about our recreational backyard  
6 fire pits. As the nights get a little  
7 colder, folks going -- are going to be  
8 enjoying their fire pits. And I'd like us to  
9 put maybe something out to -- an  
10 informational sheet, a reminder to our  
11 community about the rules and courtesies to  
12 neighbors around them. You know, they have  
13 to know that, you know, you have to get a  
14 permit for 10 bucks, how far from the house  
15 or the neighbors, what they can burn, you  
16 know, the smoke and smell issues to  
17 neighbors. I have had a couple -- and I know  
18 the fire department or dispatch does get  
19 those also about, you know, the smoke going  
20 in the neighbor's yard or the smell, because  
21 they are burning the wrong thing.

22 And so those are just things that, you  
23 know, we need to -- to put out. I hope we  
24 can do that in some way that it can be  
25 helpful to people. And along with that is

1 the courtesy of people to their neighbors  
2 along with that. Because this is hard to  
3 enforce when things happen at a certain point  
4 in time at night. So if we can do something  
5 like that and get that out, either on our Web  
6 site or in some way to -- to see -- have our  
7 community understand that, I think it would  
8 be helpful to everybody. And that's my  
9 report.

10 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Mark.  
11 Member Stroia.

12 MR. STROIA: Yeah, a couple things here.  
13 I wanted to say thank you to Amy, Joe, and  
14 Joseph for speaking. Mark, thanks for the  
15 opening prayer. I -- I thought that was  
16 really good. Rob and Pat, thanks for the  
17 updates. The Mayor mentioned briefly about  
18 the busses. And, man, I see it on Portage  
19 that, you know, the bus will stop, and  
20 someone will just fly by on the other side.  
21 It is absolutely ridiculous.

22 So, you know, with everybody going back,  
23 if -- if we could just pay extra careful  
24 attention, the crosswalks, the school zones,  
25 and as the Mayor said, especially when those

1 school bus -- when they stop. It's crazy how  
2 little people pay attention and just fly by.  
3 And the bus drivers do a great job. They  
4 usually beep and, you know, try to -- try to  
5 pay attention or draw attention to people,  
6 you know, blowing by that. But it's -- it's  
7 crazy.

8 I wanted to say thanks for Tim for his  
9 years of service. I wish you the best. If  
10 we could maybe put something -- the Mayor  
11 also mentioned the census. If we could put  
12 something on our Facebook page about that and  
13 share that. Because that is hugely  
14 important. We have a good response rate, but  
15 it doesn't hurt to get better at that.

16 And just buy and support local if you  
17 can. That's all I have.

18 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Matt.  
19 And I'll -- I'll finish up by mentioning a  
20 few things here. Dom and Stephanie made a  
21 video down at Eastwood Park. That was  
22 outstanding. And, Dominic, I think I -- you  
23 are onto something here. That's something  
24 that we should be doing on a regular basis.  
25 So well done on that.



1                   And, Pat, thank you for the update --  
2                   update on Dogwood Park. That is something  
3                   that's near and dear to my heart. And I'm  
4                   really looking forward to that project  
5                   getting underway. I have had the opportunity  
6                   to talk to him briefly a couple different  
7                   times one on one, and I think the folks of  
8                   North Canton are really going to like the  
9                   final project on this. I'm excited to see  
10                  it. So, again, Patrick, thank you for that.

11                  I wanted to just briefly mention Tim Fox,  
12                  Director of Law. He, you know, served this  
13                  community for over nine years. He epitomized  
14                  honor, integrity, and the City is much better  
15                  for -- for it and for his service. So for  
16                  that, I wanted to thank him, wish him well in  
17                  the future, and -- and that is it. And,  
18                  Daryl, did you want to add -- can I circle  
19                  back to you? Did you --

20                  MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

21                  MR. PETERS: -- have a comment?

22                  MR. REVOLDT: Yeah, I would.

23                  MR. PETERS: Yeah. Go ahead.

24                  MR. REVOLDT: I want to circle back to  
25                  our discussion of Bitzer Park. And I'd like

1 to very, very gently remind the members of  
2 Council that the park currently does not  
3 conform to American's with Disability  
4 standards. We have numerous trip hazards.  
5 The fines are quite extensive, \$75,000 and up  
6 to \$150,000 for a repeated incident. So  
7 whatever we propose out here as it ultimately  
8 shakes out, I think it is absolutely  
9 imperative, simply from an ADA standpoint,  
10 that those trip hazards be removed, whatever  
11 form.

12 Second, not only do we have an ADA  
13 liability, we have a civil liability, as  
14 well, should someone be injured. So, again,  
15 whatever the -- the ultimate configuration of  
16 the sidewalks is, it's imperative that we  
17 remove the trip hazards. Because the  
18 potential consequences are serious.

19 A number of years ago, we had many  
20 communities under the legal gun because their  
21 pedestrian crossings didn't have the little  
22 ramps that we all see. So just be mindful  
23 that while we are talking about the  
24 environment, the trees, and configuration, we  
25 really have some legal issues out here we

1                   need to address. Thank you.

2                   MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you,  
3                   Daryl.

4                   And final call for new business, if  
5                   you'll excuse me, I forgot to add this to the  
6                   consideration portion of the meeting. May I  
7                   have a motion and a second to amend the  
8                   agenda to include the separation agreement  
9                   with Director of Law, Timothy Fox --

10                  MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

11                  MR. PETERS: -- and to waive any  
12                  committee report?

13                  MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt -- Revoldt moves.

14                  MS. WERREN: Werren, second.

15                  MR. PETERS: Okay. All in favor, say  
16                  "aye."

17                  MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

18                  MR. PETERS: Aye.

19                  MS. WERREN: Aye.

20                  MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

21                  MR. CERRETA: Aye.

22                  MR. FONTE: Aye.

23                  MR. STROIA: Aye.

24                  MR. PETERS: Opposed?

25                  (No response.)

1 MR. PETERS: All right. Motion carries.  
2 Now, at this time, I will ask that -- for a  
3 motion and a second to approve the separation  
4 agreement with Tim Fox, Director of Law.  
5 MR. REVOLDT: By roll call.  
6 MR. PETERS: By -- yes, by roll call. Do  
7 I have a motion and a second?  
8 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.  
9 MS. WERREN: Werren, second.  
10 MR. PETERS: Revoldt moves. Do I have a  
11 second? Was that Steph? You?  
12 MS. WERREN: Yep.  
13 MR. PETERS: Okay. Ben, please call the  
14 roll.  
15 MR. YOUNG: Member Fonte.  
16 MR. FONTE: Yes.  
17 MR. YOUNG: Member Cerreta.  
18 MR. CERRETA: Yes.  
19 MR. YOUNG: Member Stroia.  
20 MR. STROIA: Yes.  
21 MR. YOUNG: Member Foltz.  
22 MR. FOLTZ: Yes.  
23 MR. YOUNG: Member Werren.  
24 MS. WERREN: Yes.  
25 MR. YOUNG: Member Revoldt.

1 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

2 MR. YOUNG: And President Peters.

3 MR. PETERS: Yes.

4 MR. YOUNG: Seven for, zero against.

5 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you, Ben.  
6 Meetings calendar; next week, August 31st,  
7 Committee of the Whole. And the following  
8 week is Labor Day, and we will -- we will not  
9 be meeting that week.

10 So that concludes our agenda. I'll  
11 entertain a motion and a second to adjourn.

12 MR. REVOLDT: Revoldt moves.

13 MR. STROIA: Second. Stroia.

14 MR. PETERS: All in favor, say "aye."

15 MR. FOLTZ: Aye.

16 MR. PETERS: Aye.

17 MS. WERREN: Aye.

18 MR. REVOLDT: Aye.

19 MR. CERRETA: Aye.

20 MR. FONTE: Aye.

21 MR. STROIA: Aye.

22 MR. PETERS: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. PETERS: Motion carries. We are  
25 adjourned. Everyone have a great evening.

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(This proceedings concluded at 8:03 p.m.)  
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